



UNITED STATES ARMY ALASKA



NEGLIGENT DISCHARGE

Number13-03

12 November 2012

SAFETY BULLETIN

1. On 9 November 2012, US Army Alaska experienced a negligent discharge of a handgun in post housing. A Soldier was moving a handgun into another room when he dropped it resulting in a negligent discharge. The bullet traveled through the TV then into the neighbor's residence. No one was injured as a result. This incident is the 1st negligent discharge for FY 13.

2. Use the Acronym THINK:

T-reat every weapon as if it is loaded.

H-andle every weapon with care.

I-dentify the target before you fire.

N-ever point the muzzle at any thing you don't intend to shoot.

K-eep the weapon on Safe, and your finger off of the trigger, until you intend to fire.



3. What YOU can do:

- ✓ Keep all weapons unloaded on post, including on-post housing.
- ✓ Store weapons in a safe and secured location (unit arms room for barracks residents).
- ✓ Register weapons per installation policy
- ✓ Leaders conduct periodic checks to ensure Soldiers are responsible weapons owners, conduct POW training.
- ✓ Inform Soldiers of areas to utilize weapons. Range Control allows for POW use. Check your installation requirements.



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